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**HART COUNTY WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY AND SENTENCED  
FOR OBSTRUCTING PASSAGE OF U.S. MAIL  
WHILE WORKING FOR THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **MICHELLE MORGAN** age 34, of 1374 Hardyville, Kentucky, pleaded guilty in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky to a one-count Superseding Information charging her with obstructing the passage of U.S. mail entrusted to her while she was employed as a United States Postal Service mail carrier in Glasgow, Kentucky, in violation of Title 18, United States Code Section 1701.

Following her guilty plea, Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Morgan** to one year probation.

In February 2005, **Morgan** was employed as a rural carrier associate by the United States Postal Service in Hart County, Kentucky. Several customers along her route made complaints to the Postal Service regarding un-received mail, in particular greeting cards. In February, Postal Inspectors sent two test greeting cards through her route, each of which contained a small amount of cash. On the day of the test letters, Inspectors pulled **Morgan's** car over and discovered the two letters in her floorboard.

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**Morgan** has resigned from the Postal Service and will be barred from future employment with the Postal Service.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Calhoun, and it was investigated by the United States Postal Inspections Service.

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